

Minutes EHA Annual General Assembly
 June 20, 2007,
 Palais des Académies, Rue Ducale 1, Brussels

Participants

Acciona represented by Eugenio Guelbenzu (EG):
 Air Liquide, represented by Frédéric Barth (FB)
 Air Products represented by Ian Stuart Williamson (IW)
 Asociacion Espanola del Hidrogeno represented by Antonio Gonzalez Garcia-Conde (AG)
 Association Francaise de l'Hydrogène, represented by Claude Derive (CD)
 Dutch Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association represented by Jacques Smolenaars (JS)
 German Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association represented by Johannes Toepler (JT) and Ulrich Schmidtchen (US)
 Norsk Hydrogen Forum represented by Ann-Cathrin Vaage (ACV)
 Shell Hydrogen, represented by Nick Brown (NB)
 Swedish Hydrogen Forum represented by Lars Sjunnesson (LS)
 The Linde Group represented by Jaco Reijerkerk (JR) and Gary Lomas (GL)
 Joachim Gretz
 Marieke Reijalt, executive director EHA (MR)

Apologizes:

Norsk Hydro, represented by Elisabet Fjermestad Hagen (EFH)

Lars Sjunnesson chaired the meeting.
 Minutes were taken by Laurence van Hoorebeke

1. Welcome	LS took note of absentees	
2. Approval Agenda		<i>Decision: Agenda was approved.</i>
3. Approval Minutes April 6, 2006 Board		<i>Decision: The Minutes were approved.</i>
4. Report Action Plan	MR presented the report on the Action Plan 2006, pointing out the EU dossiers that the EHA has followed	

<p>2006/ Action Plan 2007*</p>	<p>in 2006. Support for hydrogen is not yet overwhelming in all Directorates General of the EU Commission. Therefore EHA lobbying efforts focussed not only on DG Research and JTI but also on DGTREN and the Intelligent Energy for Europe programme to promote the integration of the use of hydrogen in EU Energy and Transport policy and funding programmes as Intelligent Energy for Europe (IEE) programmes. A Taskforce Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) was established to support the EHA contribution to this Commission's initiative. The lobbying efforts with regards to IEE resulted in the acceptance of hydrogen topics in IEE funding for Education and Training. The EHA has also been coordinating the Education, Training and Public Awareness topics in the Implementation Plan. Other activities related to the support of Regional activities as the Regions lack a coordinated voice on EU level. The EHA is investigating a possible role in this coordination. In the EU Parliament the EHA succeeded to include an amendment in the EU Parliament report on the Energy Package on the need to support more hydrogen demonstration projects</p> <p>On general promotion MR mentioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishment of the Taskforce Hydrogen in the City to promote the use of hydrogen to local authorities involving the EHA national associations. - EHA presence at the main fairs in Europe including a big stand at the WHEC; - exchange with the Chinese Hydrogen Association; - new members the Linde Group and Portuguese, Polish associations; - collaboration with EU news portals. <p>MR then presented the main topics in the Action Plan for 2007:</p> <p>Tracking of relevant EU Policy dossiers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Energy Review; 2. Strategic Energy Technology Plan (EHA Taskforce SET Plan); 3. Action Plan on Energy Efficiency follow up; 4. Revision of EU Biofuels Directive and Fuels Quality Directive; 5. Commission's Strategy to reduce CO2 emissions from cars; 6. Green Paper on Urban Transport in 2007; 7. JTI: role of EHA in company representation in IG, support of Regions, coordination of Education and 	
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	<p>Training. European Parliament initiatives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary Committee on Climate Change 2. Energy Efficiency Watch Initiative; 3. Green Hydrogen Charter <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hanover Fair (04) , EHEC ?, European Council (December); 2. New members; Total, Chevron, Exxon, BP, ENI, new MS; 3. Taskforce H2 in the City: Kick off packages dissemination; 4. Press kit Euractiv. 5. Presence EU Projects (HyApproval, Energy Technology Watch). <p>LS commented that the EHA board has just approved 6 new association members (Poland, Portugal, Hungary, Latvia, Switzerland and the UK). The Flemish association who also applied for membership will be asked to demonstrate that they can represent Belgium before they will be admitted as member.</p> <p>EG commented that at the last Hyways project meeting it was discussed who could secure some follow up to the project results and that he supported a role of the EHA in this. MR responded that already with the HyApproval project the EHA .</p>	<p><i>Decision: The AGM approved the Report of 2006 and the Action Plan 2007.</i></p>
<p>5. Approval financial Report 2006 and budget 2007</p>	<p>MR presented the financial report of 2006 indicating the small difference in budget estimate and final budget of 2006. smaller costs resulted for promotional material, the contribution for the HFP event in October 2006 was not budgeted.</p> <p>MR then presented the Budget for 2007 indicating the conservative estimate for incoming membership fees, that was decided at the March 1, 2007 Board meeting, resulting from the joint venture of Linde and BOC. The costs for the office have been reduced to half the costs of 2006 because of the move to a less expensive office. Higher costs are foreseen for travel (that have not been included in the 2006 budget), higher costs for promotional material, the publication of the English version of the DWV Brochure, Euractive membership and portable stand at Hanover Fair.</p> <p>EG commented that the EHA is now “eating its profits</p>	

	<p>of past years” and that this should not become a trend. He also indicated that the AGM should look at adapting the membership fees as the Spanish association raised the fees for 2007 at 10%. MR referred to the March 1 Board meeting in which the Board indicated to not generate to high profits but rather spend them on promotional activities. IW suggested that the Taskforce for the EHA membership issues that was established at the preceding EHA Board meeting looks at the defining membership fees for 2008.</p>	<p><i>Decision: The AGM approved the financial report of 2006 and the budget for 2007. The Board Taskforce on membership will look at the EHA membership fees for 2008</i></p>
6. Nominations for the Board	<p>NB presented the nominations for the Board that are suggested by the Nominating Committee. The following Board members were nominated:</p> <p>Sustaining members: Air Products represented by Ian Stuart Williamson Acciona represented by Eugenio Guelbenzu Air Liquide, represented by Frédéric Barth Shell Hydrogen, represented by Nick Brown The Linde Group, represented by Jaco Reijerkerk</p> <p>Association members Asociacion Espanola del Hidrogeno represented by Antonio Gonzalez Garcia-Conde Association Francaise de l’Hydrogène, represented by Claude Derive Dutch Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association represented by Jacques Smolenaars German Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association represented by Dr. Johannes Toepler Norsk Hydrogen Forum represented by Ann-Cathrin Vaage Swedish Hydrogen Forum represented by Lars Sjunnesson.</p> <p><i>LS then asked to interrupt the meeting to allow the election of the EHA officers in the constitutional board meeting when still all were present</i></p>	<p><i>Decision: The AGM approved the nominations of the Nominating committee</i></p>
7. Any other business	<p>The meeting was continued and LS asked JS to report on the EHEC 2007.</p>	

	<p>- JS repeated his statement for the preceding EHA Board indicating that the Dutch Association (NWV) is preparing an official letter to the EHA on the cancellation of the EHEC 2007.</p> <p>He described the history of the EHEC 2007 organisation from the NWV perspective: The former president and treasurer of the NWV set up the EHEC 2007 Foundation in 2006 to organize the EHEC 2007 to take the legal responsibility away from the NWV in organizing the event. However the NWV became concerned about their level of control on the organisation of the EHEC 2007 as the EHEC 2007 Foundation did not provide information on the budget nor on other aspects of the organisation. Until April 2007 the Dutch Association has tried with legal assistance to persuade the board of the Foundation to give more openness on budget and organisation of the EHEC 2007 without success. On May 1 it became clear that the Foundation had cancelled the event. As the NWV has no information on the actual activities of the Foundation as these were not communicated, the NWV association suggests that together with the EHA a short evaluation report will be prepared of the developments that led to the cancellation of the EHEC 2007 to learn from the experience.</p> <p>MR mentioned that the EHA has received a letter of the EHEC 2007 foundation that has been put in the Board documentation. LS indicated that the EHA Board has set up a Taskforce to define the guidelines for the organisation of future EHEC event and the EHA looks into protecting the name.</p>	
	<p><i>No other business was discussed and the meeting was concluded at 1530.</i></p>	